

## **Lee County Parks and Recreation**

### **9-18 Boys Baseball LEAGUE RULES 2006**

#### **I. LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION**

- A.** The goal and objective of the league shall be to provide enjoyment and instruction on the game of baseball in a safe environment, while encouraging good sportsmanship.
- B.** All matters concerning the league or rule interpretation shall be administered by the departments.
- C.** All volunteer coaches shall be selected by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- D.** All coaches shall attend each practice or have his/her assistant attend in his/her place. Players should not be allowed to practice without adult supervision.
- E.** All practices will be scheduled through the Parks and Recreation Department.
- F.** No player shall be dropped from a team without the approval of the Parks and Recreation Department. Coaches shall report to the Athletics Division any inactive players on their rosters.
- G.** Lee County Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to change or amend any of these rules if it is deemed necessary for the benefit of the program.
- H.** Scorekeepers and officials will be provided for the games.
- I.** There will be a 10:00 pm curfew on games and a 2 hour time limit. No inning may begin after 10:00 pm or after 1 hour and 50 minutes unless the game is tied. After school ends, the curfew goes to 11:00pm.
- J.** League participants must be eligible age as of May 1, 2006. Any exceptions will be handled through the Parks and Recreation Department.
- K.** No tobacco products inside the playing field or dugouts.

- L. There will be no unsportsmanlike conduct or profane language allowed on the field or in the dugout. (Penalty: Ejection from the field and/or forfeiture of the game.)
- M. Coaches should meet at home plate to discuss any questions they have concerning the rules so that there will not be a problem later.
- N. Please eliminate negative chants. Encourage your team to use positive chants.
- O. Only jerseys issued by the Lee County Parks and Recreation Department will be worn during County-sponsored games. No restrictions on baseball hats, pants, or socks. Participants may keep jersey at the end of the season.
- P. **Head first sliding while advancing to the next base is an automatic out in all leagues. (Exception: Head first slides back to a base on an overrun or a pick-off play is not an out.)**
- Q. **Give up or slide. This rule requires any base runner to give up or slide on a play. Runners shall not attempt to take out a fielder. (Ruling: If a runner intentionally tries to take out a fielder, subject runner will be called out and ejected from the game.)**
- R. **First game scheduled will be allowed a 10 minute grace period after the scheduled start time. Once this 10 minute grace period has been reached the umpires shall declare a forfeit. (Example: Game time 6:00 plus 10 minute grace period time is 6:10. After this time it will be a forfeit.) Subsequent game time is forfeit time.**

## II. SAFETY

**The safety of the participants is the primary concern of the Parks and Recreation Department. All individuals in the program must abide by all safety rules.**

- A. All players must wear athletic type shoes. Metal cleats are allowed in Junior League and Senior League only, all other leagues will wear rubber cleats.
- B. All catchers must wear a face mask(**w/throat guard**), chest protector, helmet, shin guards and protective cup during the game. All batters and base runners must wear helmets.
- C. All players must at all times remain in the dugout except when at bat or going to the field. Only players and coaches are allowed in the dugout.

- D. The team's equipment should be continually checked to make certain that it is in good condition. Any equipment in poor repair should be replaced immediately.
- E. All players and spectators are prohibited from sitting on the fence.

### **III. PLAYING RULES**

#### **9-12 Jaycee League**

- A. A maximum of 14 players on each team. Each player must play 1 inning in the field and bat once each game.
- B. There will be 10 players in each team's line-up American League (9-10) four of which must play in the outfield. 9 players for National League (11-12).
- C. Regulation game is 6 innings.
- D. A 10 run rule is in effect after 4 innings.
- E. A pitcher removed from the mound may not return to the mound in the same game.
- F. All players must enter the game by the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning of play. Innings in the field do not have to be consecutive.

#### **Junior League and Senior League**

- A. A maximum of 14 players per team.
- B. Metal spikes allowed.
- C. Players must play 2 (1 inning for Senior League) innings and bat once per game.
- D. A 10 run rule is in effect after 5 innings.
- E. Regulation game is 7 innings.
- F. A pitcher removed from the mound may not return to the mound in the same game.
- G. All players must enter the game by the 4<sup>th</sup> inning of play.

#### **Local League Rule Amendments (all ages)**

- A. Coaches may substitute freely on defense to meet minimum play rules. This does not apply to the batting order.
- B. If a player is present for the entire game and found not to have met minimum play rules, they must start and play the entire succeeding game. The game that minimums were not met is also subject to forfeiture.
- C. The following are the only exceptions for players not meeting minimum play rules:
  - 1. The player is injured or sick.
  - 2. The player is being benched for discipline reasons. Ex. Bad attitude, no show for practices, etc.
  - 3. Game is shortened because of rain or the 10 run rule and is out of the coach's control.

\*Please note that LCPR will determine what is out of the coach's control by team at bats versus players on the team. This only applies to the 10 run rule.

\*\*\*You must notify the opposing coach and umpire before the game if number 1 or 2 occurs.

### **Waiting List Procedures**

- A. Players on the waiting list are confidential and coaches may not ask who is on the list or what position a player stands.
- B. Any player that quits may be replaced with a player off the waiting list. The quitting player's parent must notify LCPR that the child is no longer participating before a waiting list player will be added.
- C. If the quitting player has not played in any games, they are eligible for a participation refund. (Late fees are not refundable at any time).
- D. No player will be added to a team after the mid-point of the regular season. If a team has a forfeit after the mid-point, a player may be added from the waiting list.
- E. Waiting list players will be placed in the order that they signed up. Once a player is called off the waiting list, they have three (3) business days to pay the registration fee. If they fail to pay the fee, they will go to the end of the list.
- F. The coach of the team that needs a player will be notified by LCPR of player additions once they are legal to play in our league.
- G. Any coach that uses an illegal player will forfeit any game the player participates in and is subject to expulsion from the league.

**Suspended Game:** If weather interferes with play so that a game cannot be completed, the game will be continued at a later date with the lineup and batting order as near the same as possible and all situations identical to the moment of suspension. This decision will be made by the field supervisor and umpire.

**Rain Delay:** If there is a delay in a game due to weather, coaches are to advise players not to leave the park until the game has been officially suspended. (Usually, a wait of 15 minutes to see if weather conditions improve.)

In case a game is suspended in progress, four (4) complete innings, (3 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead), will constitute a regulation game.

**Inclement Weather:** A decision will be made concerning cancelled games by **3:00 pm**. **Please call 774-7999**. Please inform your players and their parents of this number. Do not have them call the office, office personnel need the lines to be clear.

**Please refer to the Little Tar Heel Rule Book for all other rule interpretations.**

